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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a continuation of Application No. 10/337,869 filed January 8, 2003, which is a continuation of Application No. 08/947,895 filed October 9, 1997, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference. Application No. 08/947,895 was filed under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) claiming benefit pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 119(e)(1) of the filing dates of Provisional Application Nos. 60/027,987 and 60/040,768 filed on October 9, 1996 and March 14, 1997, respectively, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 111(b).

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FIG. 4 is a FIGS. 4A and 4B are perspective view views illustrating a first embodiment of a self-compensating dynamic balancer which is employed in a disk player according to the present invention;

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Since the fluid 440 has a large contact area with the race 450 and the cover member 413 (see FIGS. 4A and 4B) (~~see FIG. 4~~) and exhibits a very high viscosity compared to the rigid body 430 only, the fluid 440 employed with the rigid bodies 430 in the race 450 can effectively compensate for an internal vibratory force generated due to the eccentric center of gravity of the

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disk 1 (see FIG. 2). That is, the orbital revolution of the rotational shaft 130 due to the eccentric center of gravity m_c of the disk can be roughly balanced and reduced by the movements of the rigid bodies 430 and the finely balanced and reduced by the fluid 440.

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As shown in the drawing, the clamper 300 includes a clamper main body 310, a pressing unit 320 installed at the clamper main body 310 and which presses the disk 1 (see FIG. 2) in place on the turntable 200, a circular race 350 formed inside the clamper main body 310 and concentric with the rotation center of the clamper main body 310, a mobile unit 370 installed to be capable of moving inside the race 350, and the cover member 360 for covering an open portion of the race 350. In this case, a characteristic feature of the present embodiment which distinguishes it from the first embodiment is that first and second races 350a and 350b formed adjacent to each around the rotation center of the clamper main body 310 (~~see FIG. 4~~) (see FIG. 26) are provided as the race 350.